

**Amendments to the Claims:** This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application

**Listing of Claims:**

1.-8. (Cancelled)

9. (Original) A manifold for receiving fluid tubes in a bulk compounder, said manifold comprising:

a plurality of inlets, each inlet defining an opening to a respective fluid passageway, each said passageway containing a check-valve, said plurality of inlets disposed radially from a center inlet; and

an outlet in fluid communication with all of said fluid passageways and said center inlet; said outlet and said center inlet having the same central axis.

10. (Original) The manifold of claim 9 wherein said center inlet defines a center passageway containing a check-valve.

11.-18. (Cancelled)